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| <p>Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services</p> <p>CHILD CARE</p> | <p>Section: Tribal IV-E Child Protective Services Child Care</p> <hr/> <p>Subject: CFSD & CCR&R Coordination</p> |
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Supersedes: Child Care 4-2 (New)

References: Sections 37.80.101, 37.80.202, 37.80.203, 37.80.205, 37.80.206, 37.80.301, 37.80.501 ARM
45 CFR Part 98

General Rule To qualify for Tribal IV-E Child Protective Services (CPS) child care, the child must need care because of the danger of neglect or abuse. The physical or emotional risk to the child needs to be documented in the case record.

Age Requirement A child is eligible for a Tribal IV-E CPS Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship through age 18. When approving a child older than age 12:
⇒ Select “Court Supervised 13-18 Yr-Old (Tribal IV-E CPS)” on the child’s ‘Person’ screen/’Special Needs’ tab, as appropriate.

Child Care Providers Child care providers must either be licensed or registered in order to care for Tribal IV-E CPS children. IV-E funds cannot be used to pay a LUP/LUI.

Eligibility A Social Worker with the DPHHS Child and Family Services Division (CFSD) determines a family’s need for Tribal IV-E child protective services (CPS) child care. Tribal IV-E CPS child care is administered by CFSD.

Funding: Funding is only available for child care scholarships administered through CFSD. Tribal IV-E child care must be selected as the funding source in CCUBS.

Referral Form The Child and Family Services Division Central Office, who selects the Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship program, refers each child who needs care to the local CCR&R using the Child Care Referral – Electronic Form, CFSD Child Care Referral (CFS-111).doc

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**Rate for a Child
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To qualify for a special needs rate, the Social Worker must include a reference to the special need in the child's approved case plan. The special needs evaluation must accompany the child care referral form. The Social Worker will work with the CCR&R Early Childhood Specialist to complete the Special Needs Subsidy Rating Scale to determine an appropriate rate for child care. The process may involve gathering documentation and/or consulting with medical professionals.

CCR&R Process

- The CCR&R Eligibility Worker must enter each child into CCUBS as an individual case event. The CCR&R Eligibility Worker will use the address information for the child from the referral.
- The CCR&R Eligibility Worker must select Tribal IV-E as the funding category.
- The CCR&R Eligibility Worker must select Working or Other as the reason for care.
- Authorizations are limited to three months.
- Family Co-payments will be \$0.00.
- The CCR&R Eligibility Worker is required to send courtesy copies of the following notices to the DPHHS Social Worker: Eligibility Determination Notice, Explanation of Benefits, and Closure Notice.